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M/V Kennicott's Chief Steward Recognized for Passenger Emergency Response

(Juneau)—Alaska Marine Highway General Manager John Falvey recognized the chief steward aboard the M/V Kennicott for a job well done in responding to a passenger emergency while underway on June 27. Chief Steward Teresa Gilbert performed the Heimlich maneuver on a passenger who began choking while eating dinner in the ship's conference room. After successfully expelling the obstruction, it was determined that a French fry had become lodged in the passenger's airway and had cut off their ability to breathe. Following the ordeal, the passenger retired to a stateroom to rest.

"Ms. Gilbert's fast response may have very well saved the life of one of our passengers," said Captain Falvey. "We are also thankful to the Kennicott's Chief Purser Lynn Olson and Junior Assistant Purser Dennis Hansen who were also on the scene to administer oxygen should it have been required."

The marine highway presented Gilbert with a plaque on July 3 as thanks for her quick response to the passenger's life threatening situation.

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